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Honorable Thomas S. Foley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Foley:

This is in response to your letter of 4 August 1982 forwarding correspondence from your constituent, [redacted] Your letter was referred to the Central Intelligence Agency by the White House on 25 August for direct response to you.

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Executive Order 12333, to which your constituent refers, was reviewed by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence before the President signed it on 4 December 1981. Numerous recommendations made by those Committees were adopted in the final version of the Order. In a statement made by the President on that date, he made it abundantly clear that "...no intelligence agency of the United States, or any other agency for that matter, will be given the authority to violate the rights and liberties guaranteed to all Americans by our Constitution and laws." Furthermore, Part 2.B of the Order provides that "Nothing in this Order shall be construed to authorize any activity in violation of the Constitution or statutes of the United States."

I hope you will agree that the provisions of the new Executive Order strike the appropriate balance between protecting the rights of Americans and the needs of the Nation for the best foreign intelligence possible.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Cordially yours,



Director, Office of External Affairs

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